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Hamdi Husayni, an avowed Communist and a relative of the former Grand Mufti, Hajj Amin Husayni, has tried, without apparent success, to convince the Mufti that collaboration with the Communist Party would materially strengthen the Arab Higher Executive. Having made no headway, Hamdi Husayni now has shifted his approach to those underlings of the Mufti who in time might influence the latter sufficiently to bring about a working agreement between him and the CP.

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Hamdi Husayni is highly respected in the Gaza area, despite his Communist affiliations. An effort is being made to determine those of the Mufti's followers with whom Hamdi Husayni has influence.

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